



**NEVADA COMMISSION ON  
AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS MEETING  
Tuesday, June 10, 2014  
9:30 – 11:00 am**

**MINUTES**

**MEETING LOCATIONS**

Grant Sawyer Legislative Building  
555 E. Washington Ave., Room 4401  
Las Vegas, NV 89101-1072

**VIDEOCONFERENCE TO:**

Legislative Building, Room 3137  
401 S. Carson Street  
Carson City, NV 89701-4747

Great Basin College  
3137 High Tech Center  
1500 College Parkway, Room 137  
Elko, NV

*Agenda items may be taken out of the order listed on the agenda. The items maybe combined for consideration. Items may be delayed or removed at any time.*

**1. Roll call of Commission Members**

Jan Crandy called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.  
Commissioners Mary Liveratti, Jan Crandy and Keri Altig were present.  
Ralph Toddre and Scott Reynolds were absent.  
A quorum was present.

**2. Public Comment**

No one from Carson City had Comments

Las Vegas:

- Mark Olson discussed a new study released on June 9, 2014 in the JAMA Pediatrics which cited that autism care can top \$2 million per person in a lifetime and as reviewed in previous studies, it was \$2.4 million in the US and \$2.2 in the UK. Mark indicated that the report is copyright restricted, but can be accessed from his website. The cost is \$30 for the study. He also has a news report. Jan Crandy stated that a Harvard study a few years ago cited that the cost was \$3.2 million.
- Allison Gorlick from UNLV Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders read a statement on CABI certification.

Elko:

- Korri Ward read an e-mail from Lori Becksted, a local CABI, regarding CABI certification fees.

### **3. Meeting Minutes**

The meeting minutes from the April 1, 2014 and May 2, 2014 meeting were tabled until the next meeting.

### **4. Discussion of Outcome of the May and June Meetings of the Legislative Committee on Health Care in Regards Autism**

Jan Crandy read the Work Session document, Items 18 and 19. Korri Ward testified at the meeting that kids aren't being diagnosed in rural Nevada therefore can't access ATAP or treatment because they don't have a diagnosis. We're trying to remove that barrier so they have access to a diagnostic evaluation.

- Discussion: The Committee supported the recommendations in the document and it will go before the Legislature in February 2015. A bill draft will be written to support the recommendations which will have to pass. The CABI certification will not be removed until July 1, 2015. Also discussed was the RBT (Registered Behavior Technician) which is a national certification and won't be required until 2017 which will give NV providers time. A lot of support will be needed to get these bills passed. Jan Crandy has been on Federal calls regarding the \$36K cap for insurance. Regarding Medicaid – there is Federal guidance to specific states – guidance is expected for other states as well. She also heard that the AMA is coming out with CPT codes for ABA and this might be out July 1, 2014.

### **5. Presentation on Proposed Funding Request for the Commission on ASD's 5-Year Strategic Plan**

- Tina Gerber-Winn, Aging and Disabilities Services, discussed a work program to be presented to the IFC on June 19, 2014. The plan is to assist and help develop the 5-year plan to be funded with \$73,000. Proposal is to also have a part-time person to assist with meetings, guest speakers and other administrative items.
- Mary Liveratti asked if Tina would like to see support at the IFC meeting. Both Jan Crandy and Mary Liveratti would like to attend. A description of how the funds will be used was requested.
- Mary Liveratti motioned to support the Division for Aging and Disability Services proposal to provide funding to support the 5-year strategic plan for ASD. Motion was seconded by Keri Altig. No discussion. All in favor.

### **6. Commission Work on 5-Year Strategic Plan**

Jan Crandy asked those in attendance if they were interested in being a member or voting member of the subcommittees. Attendees stated their name, which subcommittee they wanted to be on and if they wanted to be a voting member. There was more discussion on committees, members, voting and non-voting. The number of voting members will be limited so quorums can be met. Jan Crandy motioned for a teleconference to be held on June 20, 2014 at 9:30am for the Chairs to make recommendations following discussion for the appointment of subcommittee members. The following Chairs were nominated:

- Early Childhood: Michele Tombari
- Adult & Aging: Mark Olson
- Youth & Transition: Juliette Obstrovsky
- Rural: Korri Ward

Keri Altig motioned that Michele Tombari, Mark Olson, Juliette Strosky and Korri Ward be appointed Chairs. Mary Liveratti seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.

Jan Crandy indicated that Las Vegas will need a Spanish interpreter for the sub-committee meetings.

#### Public Comments

Marisa Hendron at Touro indicated that she would like to be on the committee for early childhood. There were no other comments.

### **7. Recommendations for Program/Policy Changes Concerning the Autism Treatment Assistance Program**

Brooke Adie will update the policy manual and have a work group get comments and bring the final to the Commission for approval and discussion at the July meeting. Jan Crandy asked about redefining the plan for ages and the number of children. Jan Crandy requested an update by the end of June. Mary Liveratti confirmed that Brooke Adie would be on the agenda for the July meeting.

#### Public Comments

There were no comments.

### **8. Discussion of Autism Endorsement for Teacher Licensure**

Jan Crandy will be attending a meeting at Nevada PEP on Wednesday, June 11, 2014. Mark Olson mentioned that he spoke with Trustee Cramer, who is open to a meeting to educate her on this or to have an agenda item at a meeting.

### **9. Issues and Agenda Items to be Discussed at the Next Meeting**

- July 1, 2014 videoconference
- CCSD autism team to be on July agenda to discuss ADA rollout
- Brooke Adie to follow-up on policy changes
- Chairs should have dates for their meetings
- Approve outstanding meeting minutes from April 1, 2014, May 2, 2014 and June 10, 2014
- Tina Gerber-Winn to follow-up on discussion of funding for strategic plan

### **10. Public Comments**

Jan Crandy publicly thanked Barbara Buckley for testifying at the Legislative Health Committee regarding Autism services, Medicaid, and in support of removing the CABI certifications. Jan Crandy also thanked John Sasser for his support and for advocating for autism.

There were no other comments.

### **11. Adjournment**

Mary Liveratti motioned to adjourn the meeting, Keri Altig seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 am.